

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2025 SVP TEENS GRANT



SVP TEENS

SVP Teens is a youth-led philanthropic program in the Waterloo Region that engages youth ages 12-18 in community development, fundraising, and grant-making. We aim to engage young people in philanthropy and help create life-long philanthropists. Through September to June, teens visit charities and organize fundraisers such as personal challenges, silent auctions, food and clothing drives, bake sales, and others for their grant.

In SVP Teens, members learn how to fundraise, visit local charities, evaluate grant proposals, and develop meaningful connections with the community and each other. Together, the teens decide on the issues to focus on and award.

SVPWR

SVP Teens is a youth program of Social Venture Partners Waterloo Region (SVPWR), founded in 2010. Social Venture Partners (SVP) is a global network founded in 1997 with more than 3,500 partners and 40 affiliates around the world. SVP Waterloo Region is a network of people who care about their community who pool their time, talent, and financial resources to enrich Waterloo Region's social sector. SVP Teens aims to mirror the philanthropic spirit and investment process of SVP.

GIVING FOCUS & CRITERIA

Please note that the SVP Teens grant is geared towards registered charities involving programs serving youth within the Waterloo Region. We will consider both new and existing programs. Religious organizations are allowed to apply as long as the program serves anyone, regardless of religious affiliation.

ELIGIBILITY

- Must be based in Waterloo Region with the majority of services focused within the region
 - May serve a specific geographical area within the region, or the Waterloo Region at large
- Must be a registered charity or have a fiscal sponsor with a charity number
- Programs serving youth are highly preferred

APPLICATION

Grant applications will be received through our Decision Hub form until 11:59 PM on February 26, 2025. Applications will be reviewed by SVP Teens and a shortlist of candidates will be selected. One organization will be selected in May 2025 as the grant recipient. They will receive a grant that is anticipated to be \$3,000 to \$5,000, to be used for program specific funding. The final amount is yet to be determined as SVP Teens will continue to fundraise throughout the spring.

REVIEW & FOLLOW-UP

Applications are read, reviewed, scored, and discussed at length. Criteria may include:

- Mission/ program alignment
- Financial health/ funding sources
- Innovation
- Measurability

Short-listed organizations will be asked to come to a SVP Teens meeting at Communitech (151 Charles St W Suite 100, Kitchener, ON N2G 1H6) on April 7th to present a short pitch and have a conversation about their organization. This is an opportunity for the teens to get to know the organizations and their programs, ask questions, and interact with them.

IMPORTANT DATES

FEB 5	Application opens
FEB 26	Application closes
LATE MARCH	Shortlist selected, all applicants notified
APRIL 7TH	Interviews (shortlisted candidates)
MAY	Grant recipient notified
JUNE	Official announcement

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